

Lynwood - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez recently met with the Acting Superintendent of the Lynwood Unified School District, Yvonne Contreras and spoke with 9th grade students at Lynwood 9 West High School.

“The education of our children is one of my top priorities. Young people need a high quality education to learn the right skills for a good job. But financially strapped states, local communities, and school districts can’t do it alone. They need help from the federal government to repair buildings, recruit and retain teachers and provide safe and drug-free environments for our children to learn,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

Sánchez met with Acting LUSD Superintendent Yvonne Contreras to discuss ways the federal government can help Lynwood students and schools. In particular they talked about making schools safer learning environments for all of our children. To help achieve this goal, Congresswoman Sánchez introduced a bi-partisan bill to help stop bullying in our schools, the “Bullying Prevention for School Safety and Crime Reduction Act of 2003,” H.R. 3692.

This legislation would expand the Department of Education’s “Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act” (SDFSCA) and the Department of Justice’s “Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant” (JAIBG) to include funds for bullying prevention programs.

Contreras and Congresswoman Sánchez also discussed the high dropout rates in LUSD.

“Instead of graduating, many students are lured away by entry-level jobs that offer nothing but low wages. I want to do everything possible to support LUSD in their approach to stem the flow of high school dropouts. From creating a ‘going to college culture’ to stepping up parental involvement, I believe that LUSD is on the right path to increased graduation rates,” said Sánchez.

Prior to her meeting with Contreras, Sánchez spoke with 9th grade students on the importance of voting and participating in democracy at an early age. She also answered questions about being a Member of Congress.

“It was a pleasure to speak with the Lynwood students who are actively engaged in our government and our political system. I was able to hear their thoughts and opinions on a variety of issues which is valuable to me as a legislator,” concluded Sánchez.